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(Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Russ Blandford and Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, indicating the Director's strong desire to brief the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services mentioning the fact that it did not appear as if Mr. McNamara was going to be able to make the 2 February briefing because of illness. Mr. Rivers said he thought this was a good idea but suggested why not a briefing of the full Armed Services Committee as had been done on the Senate side. I indicated I would look into this and advise.

Later, after discussion with Mr. McCone, I advised Mr. Rivers the Director would be happy to do this. I indicated further that we wished special security arrangements in connection with this briefing which we would work out the details of later. As to an agenda, Mr. Rivers suggested the Soviet military posture and the Southeast Asia picture generally to include, of course, South Vietnam and a run down of the ChiCom situation.

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